

# Hanford XP Migration Project update

## *Access 2002 has built-in support for the Access 2000 file format*

Access is one of the most versatile applications of the Office Suite. With the rollout of Office 2000, Access 97 databases had to be converted to Access 2000; but with Access 2002, this is not necessary. Access 2002 has built-in support for the Access 2000 file format, which means that you can:

- Open an Access 2000 database in Access 2002 without converting the database.
- Create a new database in Access 2002 using the Access 2000 default file format.
- Use, share and modify the same Access 2000 database file whether you are an Access 2002 or Access 2000 user.
- Use an Access 2000 database in Access 2002 by simply opening the database.

Hanford organizations can use Access version 2002 without worrying about converting the database and requiring all users of that database to be on the same version of Access. The Access 2000 file format is essentially the common file format for both Access 2000 and Access 2002.

Features that are new in Access 2002 are available when you use an Access 2000 file in Access 2002, but are not available when you use the same file in Access 2000. When you open the file in Access 2000, any functionality specific to Access 2002 is simply ignored. However, you can make design changes that take advantage of features specific to Access 2002. In most cases, those design changes remain intact when you open the file in Access 2002.

The Hanford Local Area Network version of Access 2002 has been restricted so that users cannot save databases in the new Access 2002 file format. The Access 2002 file format is not accessible by any of the previous versions of Access, including Access 2000. So, to avoid accidentally saving your Access database in a format that cannot be read by other users, it has not been provided as an option.

For more information on Access 2002, see the Access 2002 Help topic "What's New in Access." ■

